



## CREATING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN

# MAHARASHTRA

As of December 2023

## HDFC BANK PARIVARTAN

Parivartan is HDFC Bank's CSR brand deeply committed to making a positive impact to the environment and the community at large.

We partner with NGOs to enable socio-economic development in the lives of millions of Indians through multisectoral initiatives under our 5 key focus areas.

#### **OUR VISION:**

HDFC Bank Parivartan's vision is to contribute to the social and economic development of the community by empowering them and driving a positive change in their lives, that in turn enables them to actively participate in the growth of our nation.



Active in 28 STATES and **8 UNION TERRITORIES** pan India





## **FOCUS AREAS:**



**RURAL DEVELOPMENT** 



**PROMOTION OF EDUCATION** 



**SKILL TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT** 



**HEALTHCARE AND HYGIENE** 



**FINANCIAL LITERACY AND INCLUSION** 

This report provides an insight on the work done by HDFC Bank Parivartan in Maharashtra

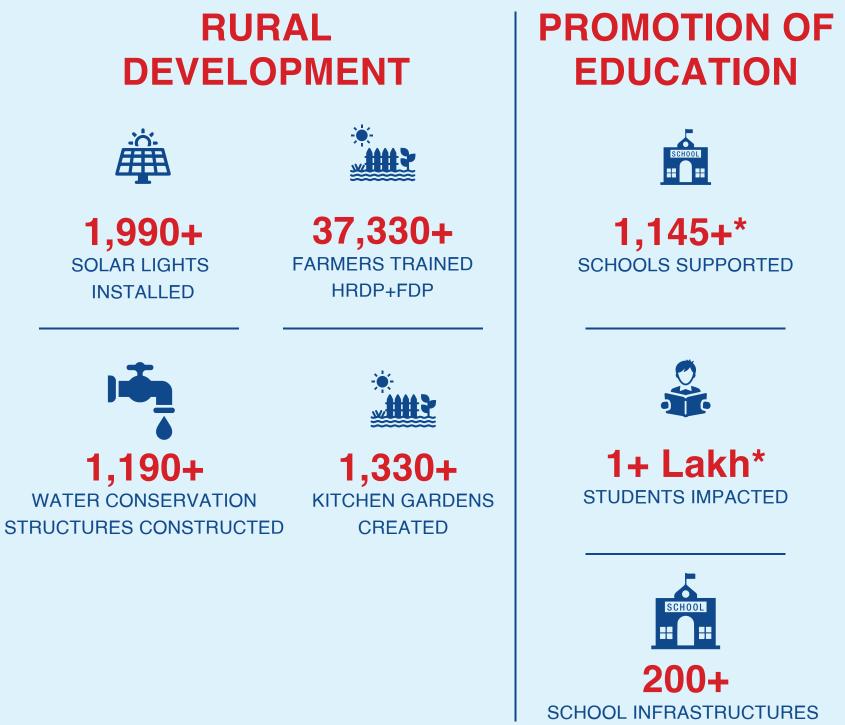
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# Parivartan In Maharashtra 64.5+ LAKH LIVES IMPACTED



\*Inclusive of immediate & extended beneficiaries \*Impact numbers as of September 2023

CREATED

#### **SKILL TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT**

69,275+ WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS TRAINED

> 23,380+ YOUTH TRAINED

Focussed Development Programme		Holistic Rural Development Programn	
Districts		Districts	No. of Vill
Ahmednagar	Nandurbar	Bhandara	12
Akola	Nasik	Buldhana	16
Amravati	Osmanabad	Chandrapur	15
Aurangabad	Palghar	Hingoli	11
Beed	Parbhani	Jalna	20
Hingoli	Pune	Nanded	15
Jalna	Raigad	Nandurbar	15
Kolhapur	Ratnagiri	Nasik	14
Mumbai	Sambalpur	Osmanabad	22
Nagpur	Satara	Pune	16
Nanded	Solapur	Satara	20
Thane	Yawatmal	Wardha	15
Washim		Yawatmal	11
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#### **HEALTHCARE AND HYGIENE**



17,530+ INDIVIDUALS TREATED



**FINANCIAL** LITERACY AND **INCLUSION** 

> 1.98+ Lakh FINANCIAL LITERACY CAMPS CONDUCTED



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# **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Promoting holistic development of rural communities

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

Agricultural development in Maharashtra is not uniform. While the west is one of the top sugarcane-producing regions of the country, regions like Marathwada & Vidarbha are drought-prone, suffering from:

- Erratic rainfall
- Poor irrigation facilities & soil fertility
- ✓ Weak livestock
- Lack of technology
- Debts

Considering these issues, HDFC Bank under it's Holistic Rural **Development Programme (HRDP) - mainly focuses on improving:** 

- Farming methods
- Soil rejuvenation & water conservation
- Farm bunding
- Irrigation & drainage line treatment
- Micro enterprise development

Parivartan also focuses on school infrastructure building, community health betterment, skill development etc. to facilitate holistic development.





**IMPACT IN** MAHARASHTRA



37,330+ **FARMERS TRAINED** HRDP+FDP

1,190+ WATER CONSERVATION STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTED



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CURE FOR THE DROUGHT | DISTRICT - NASHIK, OSMANABAD, NANDURBAR, SATARA, YAVATMAL, NANDED, JALNA, WARDHA, BHANDARA, HINGOLI, BULDHANA structures include:

- Canals
- Earthen dams
- Check dams
- Loose bouldering structures

Water storage tanks have also been put up at several locations to help deal with acute shortages. In addition, to prevent water loss due to leakage & evaporation, repair of hand-pumps & existing water distribution channels were also carried out.

Parivartan, along with its implementation partners, organised awareness sessions on:

- Soil & water conservation
- Government schemes & services
- Changing crop patterns
- Water accounting practices
- ✓ Water budgeting

The Bank also educated villagers on water-borne diseases & preventive care since many villagers sourced their water from tanks.



#### Certain pockets of Maharashtra often face devastating droughts due to both scanty rainfall as well as fast dwindling groundwater levels. Meteorologists have also warned about high rainfall variations within specific districts due to climate change, which impacts soil moisture & crop growth while also affecting drought severity. Parivartan hence launched a Natural Resource Management (NRM) programme in several districts to provide immediate relief to scores of farmers. To preserve groundwater, a total of 1,460+ soil & water conservation structures have been created. These

- Maximising water availability
- Livestock management







**TREE PLANTATION DRIVE** | DISTRICT - MUMBAI Deforestation has caused enormous stress on the environment. Carbon emissions and urbanisation have been responsible for rising global warming due to which the interiors of the land get heated easily. This is what big cities like Mumbai face. There is an incessant rise in temperature which has adverse impacts on humans and biodiversity on the whole. The intervention aims to curb this impact by planting 2000 trees including Casuarina, Barrington, Areca Catechu, Areca Palm and Murraya Pinaculata. Moreover, the maintenance of these trees has been carried on for a period of 12 months. The project added greenery to the area and beautified the Mahalaxmi Racecourse. Landslides and soil erosion were also mitigated through it. There was an increase in green cover. Moreover, the trees planted are indigenous which support local biodiversity, thus improving the overall ecosystem.

#### UPCYCLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF OLD CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR | DISTRICT - PUNE, PALGHAR

HDFC Bank Parivartan in association with Greensole is organising a footwear and clothes donation drive in Pune and Palghar. Old footwear and clothes were collected from Mumbai offices and upcycled. The upcycled products include slippers, bags, and mats which will be distributed among students of rural Govt schools residing in Palghar and Pune. Approximately 1000 pairs of footwear, 500 bags and 500 mats are expected to be upcycled and distributed as part of the initiative.

#### **PROMOTING COEXISTENCE AMONGST FARMERS AND WILDLIFE** | DISTRICT - PUNE

HDFC Bank Parivartan, in collaboration with The Corbett Foundation (TCF) is working in a 16 village cluster of the Maval tehsil in Pune to uplift communities as well as promote co-existence with the wildlife in the area. The initiative includes training the forest officials regarding knowledge of wildlife management, biodiversity principles and animal tracking along with building a strong agricultural infrastructure for the farmers to earn a sustainable income. Some of the activities undertaken as part of the project are:

- Open well fencing to prevent accidents
- Constructing Continuous Contour Trenches (CCT) to stop soil erosion
- Developing a farm/forest pond to provide regular clean water
- Installing crop-raiding prevention torches to safeguard crops from wildlife
- Constructing water harvesting and storage systems to recharge groundwater
- Installing a watch tower and water lifting system to monitor forest surroundings
- Training in modern farming techniques

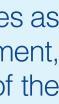
and 3407 households.



In addition, school and andagwadis will also be refurbished to provide a better learning environment to students. The intervention will benefit 22717 individuals









#### ENSURING ECOLOGICAL BALANCE WITH SOLAR STREET LIGHTS | DISTRICT - JALNA, JALGAON, DHULE, NANDED

HDFC Bank Parivartan, in association with Indo Global Social Service Society, will install 1000 solar street lights in 15 cities of 5 states. 425 solar street lights have already been installed in 15 target cities. This environment-friendly modern technology solution will reduce carbon footprint and create sustainable livelihood options for people living in the area.

#### LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT & HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT AT 12 VILLAGES | DISTRICT - DHARASHIV

HDFC Bank Parivartan and Cohesion Foundation Trust under the Holistic Rural Development Programme are working on the socio-economic upliftment of 12 villages in the Tuljapur block that will benefit 18,000+ individuals from 4000+ households. The intervention includes:

- Installing solar street lights
- Increasing income by using organic multiple cropping model
- Rejuvenating storage, irrigation, percolation tanks and water absortption trenches.
- Promoting Osmanabadi goat
- Promoting backyard poultry
- Facilitating exposure visits to ideal village within the state
- Constructing 14 new check dams
- Supporting Tuljai Mahila Goat & Poultry Producer Co.

Not only will the activation help increase incomes of farmers but will also lead to women empowerment and overall development of the villages.











#### DEVELOPING SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY ROBUST COMMUNITIES | DISTRICT - YAVATMAL

The rural population of the Yavatmal district in Maharashtra is struggling with unprofitable agriculture, low income, scarcity of water, unemployment and increasing debts. HDFC Bank Parivartan and Sanjeevani Inst. For Empowerment and Development are working on the holistic socio-economic development of 11 villages in the Arni block through Natural Resource Management, irrigation water management, improved agriculture practices, community capacity building, women empowerment, education, skilling and livelihood promotion. The intervention includes:

- Ensuring water availability for agriculture, livestock and domestic use
- Re-establishing agriculture as a sustainable source of income
- Improving overall hygiene and sanitation
- Implementing proactive learning solutions at schools
- Empowering women and educating them on personal hygiene
- Establishing FPOs and developing market linkages Promoting livelihood enterprises for needy families
- region. The project is expected to positively impact 1895 farming families.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT** | DISTRICT - BULDHANA

Land degradation due to improper land management practices, scarcity of water for irrigation and domestic purpose, lack of awareness, reducing crop yields and increasing input costs, absence of sustainable and farmer-centric value chains are some of the issues faces by farmers of 16 villages of the Chikhali block. HDFC Bank Parivartan along with Watershed Organisation Trust identified the key problem areas and is working on comprehensive water management in the area to build climate resilient agriculture and help farmers with socio-economic development. Apart from land treatment with farm bunding, the intervention aims to build loose new bouder and gabion structures along with desilting existing ones. Vermicomposting and horticulture will also be promoted. Organic ways of farming will be promoted and Wasudhara Sewaks and Sewikas will be trained to use resources more effectively and efficiently. The objective of the intervention is to reduce vulnerability of the farmers to the changing climate by building their response capacity to become climate and market compatible; thus improving their farm incomes while maintaining the integrity of the ecology.



Apart from the above, 5,500 trees will be planted and solar street lights will be installed in the







# **PROMOTION OF EDUCATION**

Creating a conducive learning environment in communities

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

DIGITAL CLASSROOMS | DISTRICT - OSMANABAD, SATARA, NASHIK, YAVATMAL, BHANDARA, HINGOLI, NANDED With an aim to improve education for economically marginalised students & provide them with a fair opportunity to excel, Parivartan launched the Digital Classrooms programme in Mumbai. With a goal of creating over 100 digital classrooms across the urban sphere, the project has already covered over 3,000 students over the last quarter.

#### **PROJECT DISHA**

Project Disha aims to educate the children from government schools using innovative & holistic interventions. To reduce school dropouts by making learning fun, it was launched in Maharashtra specifically for adolescent students as well as teachers. It has introduced customised learning modules encompassing result-oriented activities to improve the students' regularity, learning scores & community level leadership skills. Having reached out to about 4,000 students across 34 villages, Disha is now about to touch its goal of impacting 19,000 students across the country. Moreover, concepts such as Bal Sabhas & Youth Collectives introduced by it help in further improving the inclusion of youth in community-level decision-making.





**IMPACT IN** MAHARASHTRA





beneficiaries

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#### **PROMOTING COMPETENCY BASED LEARNING**

HDFC Bank Parivartan and Sri Aurobindo Society aspire to develop state-of-the-art government schools to promote competency based learning which will furthermore denote progression and growth of a nation. The objective is to facilitate CBL through Competency Based Framework among 10,000 students and 500 teachers in 50 government schools. This initiative has augmented the SCERT curriculum by increasing the availability of textbooks. Teachers have also been trained and student's have been assessed which has built leadership capacity. It has improved learning experience, student's participation and sife skills.

#### **PROMOTING HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED** CHILDREN | DISTRICT - WASHIM, YAVATMAL

HDFC Bank Parivartan, in association with Light of Life Trust launched Project Anando with a mission to provide opportunities to rural children in the areas of education and nutrition so that they are able to break out of generational poverty. To ensure holistic development of the children, the project is running a three-pronged approach. The children will be provided with material like books, uniforms and bags to boost their education. Special attention will be paid in the areas of Maths and English. Children will be empowered through weekend empowerment workshops for personality development programmes. Meetings, counselling sessions, home visits, counselling of parents and children and training sessions with parents will be conducted. The children will be equipped for employability through Anando Plus by exploring avenues for career choices, higher education and enrolment in vocational guidance courses.

PROMOTING HIGHER EDUCATION OF GIRLS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS | DISTRICT - MUMBAI To promote higher education for girl children, HDFC Bank Parivartan, along with Sri Sathya Sai Trust, is providing scholarships to 255 needy girls who have completed 10th standard and studying in 11th standard up to post-graduation and also to students studying for Diploma or Technical Courses after 12th standard in a recognized institute. This will reduce the number of student drop-outs and girls from weaker sections who will get access to higher education. A teacher will also be assigned to the students to monitor their progress.









SUPPORTING SCHOOL'S INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT | DISTRICT - MUMBAI HDFC Bank Parivartan, in partnership with Bombay Scottish Orphanage Society (BSOS), is going to improve school infrastructure and facilities of heritage block at The Bombay Scottish School, Mahim. The intervention includes:

- Planned & structured restoration and refurbishment of the Heritage Block.
- Prioritising complete safety for all on campus
- Improved teaching atmosphere
- Encourage outdoor activities for students

The intervention will benefit approximately 4000 students and 160 teaching staff. It will ensure safety of students, staff members and visitors on campus and would encourage better teaching facilities and atmosphere. Also, it will bring educational growth and in turn will create a brighter future for the students who will go on to make meaningful contributions to the society.

#### BUILDING EDUCATION-FRIENDLY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT | DISTRICT - WASHIM, AKOLA,

YAVATMAL, NANDURBUR, RAIGAD

Secondary students of 17 government schools from 6 districts will now have access to improved infrastructure thanks to an intervention by HDFC Bank Parivartan and Light of Life Trust. The project includes:

Developing Smart Classrooms equipped with world-class digital infrastructure Setting up science and math laboratories, libraries Providing access to improved sanitation and drinking water facilities The intervention will benefit secondary school students with better quality of education that will enable them to make strong careers for themselves.









**INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT TO THE FINE ART SOCIETY** | DISTRICT - MUMBAI India is a country rich in its cultural heritage and to preserve this culture so that it reaches far and beyond for generations to come is essential. To add to this cause, HDFC Bank Parivartan is providing infrastructure support to The Fine Art Society at Chembur, Mumbai which has seen India's leading artists perform, both Hindustani and Carnatic dance forms. The society trains thousands of students every month in Indian classical music and dance. To further promote it, this intervention aims at developing and maintaining stage battens at the auditorium.

FUTURE AGRICULTURE LEADERS | DISTRICT - MULTIPLE With the objective of making agriculture lucrative for the next generation, the Future Agriculture Leader of India (FALI) programme that engages students and parents from government aided rural schools in revolutionary, cost-effective training was launched. HDFC Bank Parivartan is backing the initiative and bringing it to 40 government schools. Students of 8th and 9th grade will experience interactive methods and practical exposure which will enable them to become leaders in modern, sustainable Indian agriculture and agro-enterprises. Involvement of youth in agriculture is vital as they are more energetic, productive, and receptive to new ideas and advanced technologies. This will not just help the beneficiaries but will also prove to be a great asset for the nations.







# SKILL TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT

Upskilling individuals to enable sustainable income generation

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

HUNNAR SE SHIKHAR | DISTRICT - PUNE, MUMBAI, PALGHAR, SANGALI, SATARA KOLHAPUR, NAGPUR

Severe drought in Maharashtra has led to large-scale migrations towards bigger cities, causing disturbance of the family unit & further pressure on urban resources. With the aim of providing an alternative livelihood within district limits, Parivartan launched a skill development programme called Hunnar Se Shikhar, which organises skill-training sessions for youth across several districts in the state. After honing them, they're mapped with relevant employment opportunities & under the one-of-a-kind initiative, they get placed as well. Some of the courses that the youth have been enrolled for include:

- Hospitality
- Automobile
- ✓ Welding
- Masonry
- Beautician
- Livestock welfare & management

Finding alternative livelihood options help avoid migrations by making people less dependent on farming, hence saving them during droughts. Hunnar Se Shikhar covers over 121 villages in Maharashtra.





## **IMPACT IN MAHARASHTRA**















#### **PRESERVING CULTURAL ARTS WITH TRAINING** | DISTRICT - PALGHAR

Jawhar and Mokhada are tribal areas that have a rich culture of art and craft, many of which will not survive without immediate support. Parivartan launched an art-based skill training programme to preserve art forms by empowering the tribal artisans with niche design skills. Thereby facilitating them to lead a life of dignity in their own villages and earn a sizable income. The artisans are provided with design inputs, training opportunities, marketing and sales support and taught how grass art and upcycled plastic can be used to create contemporary products. Local Warli art will be woven into the designs of these products. The programme also enables artisans to be prepared to undertake large scale business to business (B2B) deals and reduce their dependence on the retail market. While incorporating traditional Warli art, the project will also address problems of plastic waste and its adverse impacts. The project is being executed over the span of three years to create 450 artisans trained in grass art, 250 artisans trained in art using upcycled plastic and 300 artisans in art using textile waste.

#### **INCREASING EMPLOYABILITY WITH TRAINING | DISTRICT - MUMBAI**

Parivartan and the New Resolution India are working together in Mumbai to provide skill training to individuals. Employability training for 'customer relationship and sales' jobs is being provided to people between the ages of 18-25 years from marginal households to assist them with employment in the retail sector. 1800 individuals are estimated to be impacted by this programme in the span of 3 years.

#### **IMPROVING STANDARD OF LIVING IN URBAN SLUMS** | DISTRICT - MUMBAI

Parivartan, along with the United Way of Mumbai, is implementing a livelihood programme for youth in urban slum communities of Mumbai. The beneficiaries are being provided training in courses like communication, soft skills, basic IT, BFSI, supply chain & logistics, web development and retail for a duration of 2-6 months. Additionally, post-training they are offered placement opportunities. This programme aims to provide independence, education and employment to young people who aren't employed, have dropped out from educational institutions or are on the verge of dropping out.

#### ENHANCING EMPLOYMENT AMONGST DISADVANTAGED YOUTH | DISTRICT - MUMBAI

Parivartan along with All India Institute of local self-government (AIILSG) are collectively working toward providing skill training to disadvantaged youth in Mumbai with a special focus on women. This is being done with an aim to improve employment generation and two programmes are being implemented to do the same. The patient care assistant and child care programme and the B.DTP and digital marketing programme where participants are rigorously trained for 3 months. 1440 individuals are expected to be trained in the span of 4 years.









#### UPLIFTMENT OF 300 ADOLESCENT GIRLS | DISTRICT - JALNA, HINGOLI, PARBHANI HDFC Bank Parivartan, in association with Setu Charitable Trust, is going to provide vocational training in sewing, beautician, and tailoring, along with school education for more than 300 adolescent girls residing in districts of Jalna, Hingoli, and Parbhani. These girls belong to marginalised communities where children are largely deprived of education and suffer from early marriages, diseases, no economic growth and a bleak future. To further empower them, these girls will also be trained in health and hygiene, while addressing concerns related to puberty and proper sanitation. The intervention will help enhance their family's financial status and empower them as they will work as tailors and beauticians directly or through shops enabling them to become strong pillars of a just and humane society.

**ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESSES** | DISTRICT - SANGLI, KARAD With an aim to encourage small businesses, HDFC Bank Parivartan identifies and trains individuals so that they can earn a sustainable income for themselves and their families. Jayant Patil, a resident of Karad was assisted with technical and expert training, preparation of project plan for loan disbursement, liaisoning for credit and marketing. Jayant who started his business by trading water purifiers & flour mills, now has his own brand JP Gold and JP Aqua that manufactures these products. His turnover too has increased to 70 Lakh per annum from the earlier 50 Lakh.

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SKILL TRAINING | DISTRICT - VIKHROLI, THANE, SHIRUR

To ensure adequate development of marginalised youth and make them capable of earning their livelihoods, HDFC Bank Parivartan, in association with Grey Sim Learning Foundation launched an intervention to provide skill training and apprenticeship programmes to 700 youth in Vikhroli, Thane and Shirur in Maharashtra. The project has a budget of 39.32 lakhs and will be completed between May 2023 and December 2023. The project has ensured enrollment of candidates for vocational skills training followed by counselling, classroom training, on-the-job training, external assessments and placements. It will also provide post placement continued support for the youth to ensure their success in their jobs.









# HEALTHCARE AND HYGIENE

Focused on improving sanitation facilities & promoting safe hygiene practices across several communities

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

SANITATION FOR ALL | DISTRICT - OSMANABAD, SATARA, NASHIK, YAVATMAL, BHANDARA, HINGOLI, NANDED, BEED, RATNAGIRI, AURANGABAD, PARBHANI In its ongoing efforts to bring sanitation facilities to all, Parivartan has enabled access to hygienic sanitation units for over 840 households in Maharashtra. The programme also focuses on community & school sanitation facilities. Over the quarter, it has constructed over 440 sanitation units for schools, hence directly improving the lives of about 4,600 students. For effective behavioural changes, special awareness drives are also conducted under the programme.





## **IMPACT IN** MAHARASHTRA

17,530+ **INDIVIDUALS** TREATED



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#### **REHABILITATION OF CANCER PATIENTS & SURVIVORS** | DISTRICT - MUMBAI

HDFC Bank Parivartan along with the Indian Cancer Society is rehabilitating 780 cancer patients in Mumbai. The Indian Cancer Society was established in 1951 by Dr. D.J. Jussawala and Mr. Naval Tata as India's first voluntary, non-profit, national organization for supporting activities encompassing the entire continuum of cancer care that includes cancer awareness, screening for early detection, financial help for treatment, support groups, rehabilitation of cancer survivors, medical, education and research (registry). This intervention aims at improving the lives of these cancer patients and survivors by providing emotional support, vocational skilling and prostheses aid.

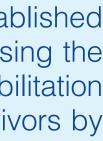
#### **COVID RELIEF FOR MUMBAI POLICE | DISTRICT - MUMBAI**

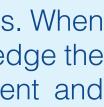
The disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic had lasting effects in the lives of many people but the most affected were our front-line warriors. When everyone was locked in their houses, our healthcare workers, police and other forces were out there fighting. To aid Mumbai Police and acknowledge the work they did during the pandemic, HDFC Bank Parivartan is providing support towards their preventive healthcare, disaster management and reconstruction activities. Multiple police personnel and their families are being supported with relief measures and rehabilitation.











# FINANCIAL LITERACY AND INCLUSION

Enabling communities to break the cycle of poverty & enter the banking fold

Financial literacy workshops conducted across various projects in Maharashtra teach subjects ranging from savings to investments. They also inform rural communities on ways to access organised sources of finance.



## **IMPACT IN MAHARASHTRA**

1.98+ Lakh FINANCIAL LITERACY CAMPS CONDUCTED











# **STORIES OF PARIVARTAN**

## **PROMOTING NON-FARM LIVELIHOODS FOR RURAL UPLIFTMENT**

#### LOCATION: 15 VILLAGES OF BLOCKS KARANJA AND ARVI, DISTRICT WARDHA **BENEFICIARIES: MAYATAI AND 224 OTHER WOMEN**

#### THE CHALLENGE

Mayatai, a 55 year old woman lives with her husband, son and daughter-in-law. They lived below the poverty line and depended on incomes as daily wage farm labourers. At times, when the family did not have farming work, they had to work in shops or at construction sites. Their meagre and irregular incomes were greatly impacting their lives.

#### **OUR INTERVENTION**

To support the meagre incomes of families living below poverty lines through non-farm work, HDFC Bank Parivartan, in association with Aga Khan Agency for Habitat India (AKAHI) launched an intervention to distribute 2250 chickens to 225 women across 15 villages, to support their livelihoods. They were trained on setting up small poultry farms and backyard farming. Mayatai was given 10 chickens for setting up her poultry farm.

#### THE RESULT

As a result of the intervention, within 4 months, the beneficiaries have started harvesting eggs at their poultry farms. Mayatai is now selling eggs for Rs.15/- per piece and has already earned Rs. 800. The intervention has provided the much needed livelihood support for these women while promoting women's empowerment and gender equality.

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# **STORIES OF PARIVARTAN**

## **SKILLING TO BOOST CAREER GROWTH**

#### **LOCATION: PUNE BENEFICIARIES: ANUSHKA TIWARI, VISHAL RAJESH PATIL**

#### THE CHALLENGE

Anushka and Vishal are students from farmer families whose mothers are homemakers. With a keen interest in technology, both were looking for the right opportunity that could help them make strides in their education.

#### **OUR INTERVENTION**

Anushka and Vishal enrolled in the Future Skills Training Programme to enhance their skills. Determination and hard work along with support by HDFC Bank Parivartan and FUEL got them enrolled in Savitribai Phule University and MIT Academy of Engineering respectively. The program didn't just focus on technical skills; it also taught important soft skills and aptitude, getting students ready for the expectations of the corporate world.

#### THE RESULT

Both Anushka and Vishal are now placed at Colgate-Palmolive and LG India respectively at a package of 3.0LPA. They were supported in every step of the way and got a huge boost to their careers.









# PARIVARTAN HIGHLIGHTS

## **BAMBOO PLANTATION DRIVE HELD**

The project was inaugurated by Shri. Rajiv Jalota, Chairman, Mumbai Port Authority and Ms Ashima Bhat, Group Head, CSR and ESG, Business Finance and Strategy, Administration, and Infrastructure. It will cover plantation of 3 lakh trees across Mumbai Metropolitan region. The initiative is inline with the Bank's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2031-32.

## **SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE INAUGURATED**

HDFC Bank Parivartan and Grey Sim Learnings Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for imparting training to candidates to equip them with the skills needed for the role of Customer Care Executive, at the skill development training centre in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra. 30 candidates including 24 girls were mobilised from in and around the Bhiwandi area.







HDFC Bank Parivartan, in partnership with Nature Forever Society, organised an eco-discovery walk at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The event was held for the Bank's employees and their family members and enabled them to witness the beauty of nature and capture the diversity of flora and fauna found within the park. The participants were also given information about the significance of Miyawaki forests and their role in preserving the environment for future generations.





# PARIVARTAN A step towards sustainable progress

# 100+ MILLION lives impacted Pan India

HDFC Bank's Parivartan aims at mainstreaming economically & socially-challenged groups across the country by ushering growth, development and empowerment. Committed to developing sustainable ecosystems through various partnerships, we identify & support programmes that seek to develop & advance communities.

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#### **Our 5 Key Focus Areas:**

- Rural Development
- Promotion Of Education
- Skill Training And Livelihood Enhancement
- Healthcare And Hygiene
- Financial Literacy And Inclusion



# **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Our Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP) is driven by the belief that development is only possible when our villages can be a part of the nation's economic prosperity. It identifies & addresses the critical needs of each village through interventions designed carefully after consulting village communities & other stakeholders.

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

- Improving school infrastructure & promoting quality education
- Constructing household sanitation units
- Improving health through camps & awareness sessions
- Training in sustainable agricultural practices
- Introducing alternate livelihood sources like: livestock management, embroidery training, masala-making, toy manufacturing etc.
- Increasing awareness of & implementing measures towards soil and water conservation
- Improving access to drinking & irrigation water
- Providing job-oriented training
- Conducting financial literacy sessions





## **OVERALL IMPACT**

8,590+ VILLAGES COVERED UNDER HRDP + FDP





57,980+ **KITCHEN GARDENS** CREATED



51,050+ SOLAR LIGHTS INSTALLED



13,340+**BIOMASS STOVES** DEPLOYED









# **PROMOTION OF EDUCATION**

Spread across a wide geography, our education programmes aid in the creation of conducive & effective learning environments.

### **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

- Infrastructure improvement including refurbishment, installing libraries, setting up science labs, providing sports materials etc.
- Training teachers in alternative pedagogy & soft skills
- Identifying & promoting innovative practices
- Ensuring quality education through remedial classes, learning camps & relevant teacher training material
- Special financial support through the Educational Crisis Scholarship



#### **ZERO-INVESTMENT INNOVATIONS FOR EDUCATION INITIATIVES (ZIIEI)**

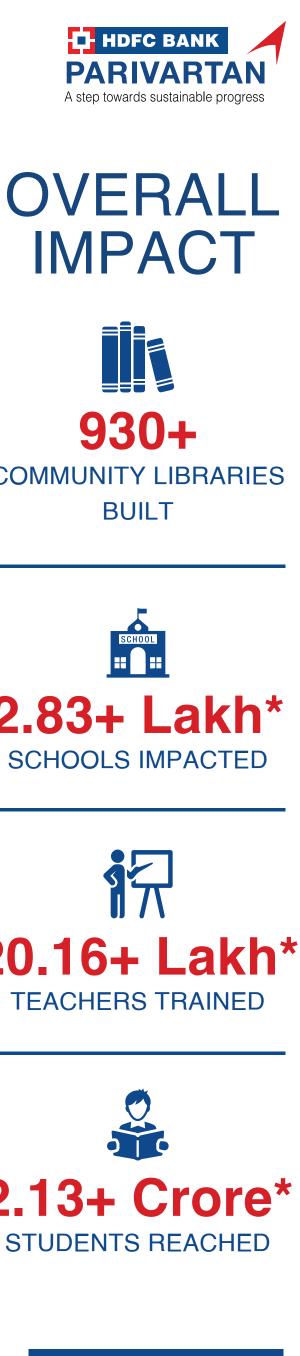
ZIIEI, one of our largest programmes is in its third phase, focusing improving learning outcomes in more than 10,000 schools across India integrating the concepts of 'Project Based Learning'. Taking cue from the National Education Policy 2020, the project, has embarked on a journey to equip teachers with knowledge, attitudes, behaviours and skills they require to meet the learning needs of 21st century learners. The project:

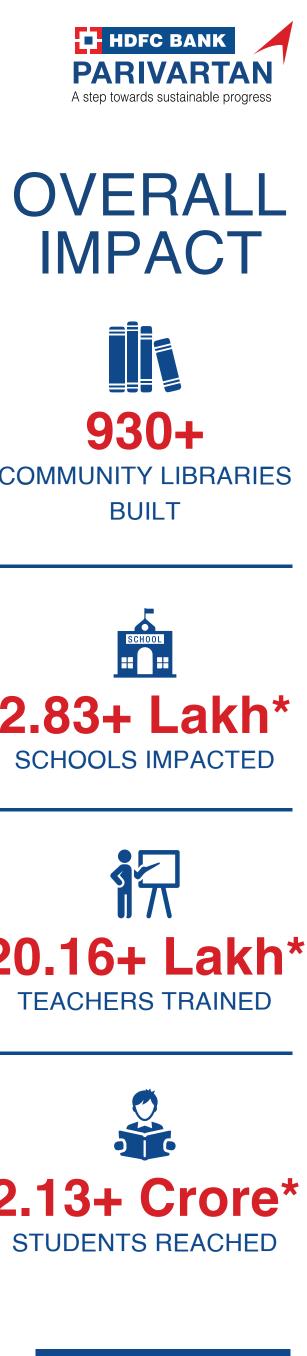
- Covers 31 states/UTs
- Has supported 25 lakh teachers and 10 lakh students since inception
- Reached 38,000 teachers in FY 2023-24
- Organised 28 sessions across 6 states in FY 2023-24

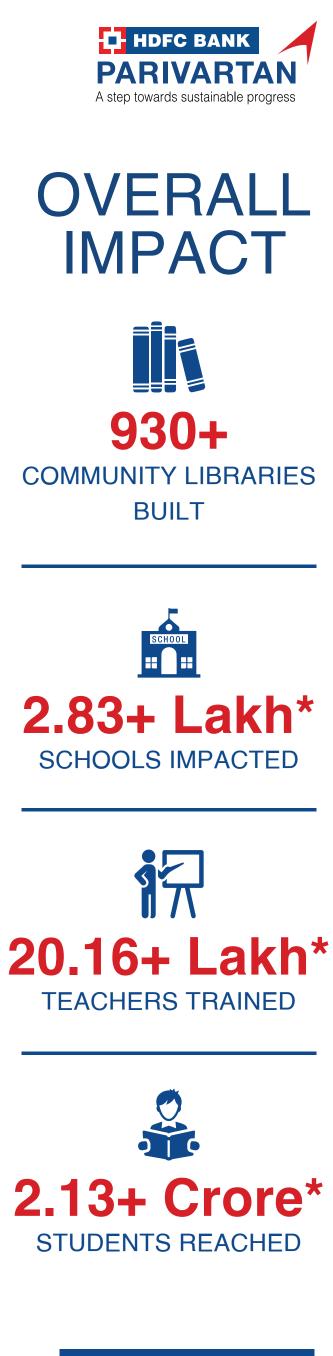


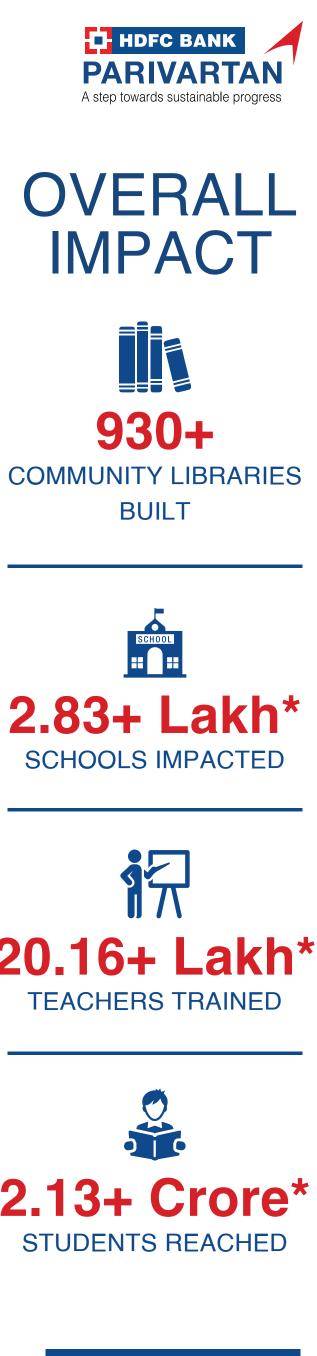












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# SKILL TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT

Parivartan supports multiple projects focussed on:

- Competency-based training & placements
- Capacity building
- Promoting entrepreneurial activities
- Upskilling for agricultural & allied practices

Our Sustainable Livelihood Initiative (SLI) has transformed the lives of lakhs of women by providing sustainable long-term solutions through Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs).

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

- Placement-linked skill training
- Promoting livelihoods & entrepreneurship among women through embroidery training, candle & toy production, masala making etc.
- Providing support & training for capacity building, financial literacy & market linkages

















# HEALTHCARE AND HYGIENE

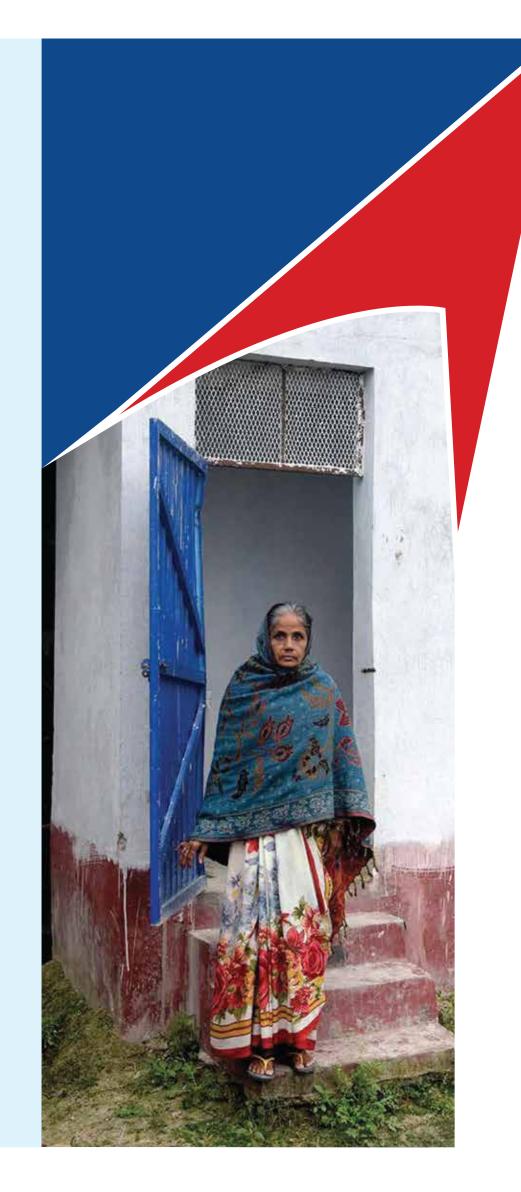
Our sanitation projects have actively championed the Swachh Bharat cause, focusing not only on providing related infrastructure but also on fostering behavioural changes towards better health & hygiene standards.

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

- Promoting awareness to effect behavioural change
- Constructing bio-toilets
- Conducting health camps
- Spreading awareness about nutrition
- Providing clean drinking water
- A Guinness Book of World Records-recognised annual blood donation drive







## **OVERALL IMPACT**

•. ■ ■ 24,235+ HOUSEHOLD TOILETS CONSTRUCTED













# FINANCIAL LITERACY **AND INCLUSION**

Parivatan aims at educating communities to make informed financial decisions & help bring them into the banking fold by conducting **financial literacy workshops** across the country. This is done by:

- Disseminating information on general banking
- Credit counselling
- Promoting digital banking among students, women, pensioners & senior citizens

## **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

- Spreading financial literacy through special camps
- Promoting capacity-building through Self Help Groups (SHGs)







IMPACT 23+ Lakh **FINANCIAL** LITERACY CAMPS



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#### **PARIVARTAN ON ITS PATH TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL GOALS**

The planet has not been the same since we first came here. But the biggest opportunity we have today is to make it better. At HDFC Bank, we aim to create integrated solutions that help us to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations. Parivartan, the bank's social initiative is working towards bringing a transformation through these integrated solutions that uplifts communities and restores nature. We have aligned our vision with the Global Goals as a responsible bank and a member of the international community.

Parivartan's five pillars, namely Rural Development, Promotion of Education, Healthcare and Hygiene, Skill Development & Livelihood Enhancement and Financial Literacy & Inclusion contributes to 9 SDGs out of the 17 laid down by the UN. We are committed to comprehensively and sustainably design our programmes in a way where we are able to realise our shared goal of a better and peaceful world in 2030.

#### **PARIVARTAN AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

#### **Rural Development**

Under Parivartan, the bank has been working in 17+ states in India to bring in holistic development in the rural landscape. It has launched the Holistic Rural Development Programme to address key challenges in rural areas.

#### SDG 2 ~ Zero Hunger

1. Promoting sustainable agriculture through better water management systems by construction of check dams, farm ponds, community ponds and irrigation systems.

2. Empowering farmers through capacity building. Creating Seed Bank, Grain Bank, Village Nursery and supporting field research to achieve food security.

#### SDG 6 ~ Clean Water and Sanitation

1. Ensuring availability of clean drinking water and promoting sustainable management of water through construction of Rainwater Harvesting Structures, Community Tanks, Hand Pumps and Wells.

#### SDG7 ~ Affordable and Clean Energy

1. Adopting renewable energy to provide affordable, reliable, sustainable and accessible modern energy through installation of Solar street lights, Biomass Stoves, Community Biogas Plants and Distribution of Solar Home Lights.





#### **Skill Development and Livelihood Enhancement**

Administering and enhancing skills is an essential component in increasing employment, ensuring fair share of work and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. In addition, the bank also focusses on developing livelihood opportunities for women.

#### SDG 2 ~ Zero Hunger

1. HDFC Bank Parivartan has created non-farm based employee opportunities to double farmers' incomes. Using productive resources, farmers are trained on livestock management, thus, benefitting indigenous people, women and villagers.

2. The bank introduced kitchen gardens in villages in several states to promote sustainable agriculture and ensured improved nutrition to the families while successfully ending hunger. It has facilitated creation of over 40,000 kitchen gardens.

#### SDG4 ~ Quality Education

1. Under Parivartan, the bank is working to provide access to affordable, technical and vocational education. The bank has trained over 1.60 lakh individuals under its Skill Development programme keeping with principles of equity and inclusivity.

#### SDG5 ~ Gender Equality

1. Parivartan has formed/revived over 7,500 SHGs with an aim to empower women in rural India. The initiative has strengthened the cause of achieving gender equality by enabling the women to achieve better livelihood opportunities.

#### SDG8 ~ Decent Work and Economic Growth

1. The bank has trained over 1.04 lakh farmers through exposure visits and diverse agricultural training programmes for their sustained economic growth. Through varied capacity building initiatives, the farmers are able to seek full and productive employment.

2. Parivartan has empowered farmers through entrepreneurial programmes through financial as well as skill-based support. The bank has facilitated development of dairy cooperatives, poultry farms, integrated poultry-goat rearing-fishery units and other small business to ensure sustained and inclusive growth of the people as well as the region.





#### SDG12 ~ Responsible Consumption and Production

1. Through natural farming, formation of seed banks and FPOs, Parivartan has been able to help farmers in innovating their logistics and supply chain, thus enabling sustainable consumption and production patterns.

#### **Promotion of Education**

This is one of the most important pillars of Parivartan that promotes equal education to all from early childhood to secondary education. The initiative also advocates usage of technology through digitisation of schools and introducing science labs to encourage the scientific temper of children.

#### **SDG 4 ~ Quality Education**

1. To further improve the access to inclusive and equitable quality education, the bank has undertaken several initiatives including remedial classes, learning camps, training the teachers and by offering scholarships. The bank has also created requisite infrastructure for students from underprivileged background to access education in a safe and lively environment.

#### SDG3 ~ Good Health and Well-Being for People

1. Parivartan has included sports as one of the fundamentals of education to ensure healthy lives of children while promoting their well-being. The bank has facilitated training of hockey, football and other sports while also ensuring access to the requisite sports equipment.

#### **Healthcare and Hygiene**

Our bank has actively worked towards providing better healthcare and sanitation facilities to the vulnerable communities. With its special focus in eradicating Non Communicable Diseases in certain states to building accessible sanitation facilities despite challenging terrains, the bank has set an example in the space.

#### SDG3 ~ Good Health and Well-Being for People

1. Under Parivartan, the bank has helped villagers create Kitchen Gardens to improve access to nutritious food and ensure healthy lives.

2. By organising health camps and health infrastructures the bank has adopted precautionary approach while helping vulnerable communities prevent themselves from communicable and non-communicable diseases. The bank has also set a Guinness World Record in organising largest blood donation drive.



#### SDG6 ~ Clean Water and Sanitation

1. With creation of over 28,800 sanitation units across India, the bank has been steadfast in giving access to clean sanitation facilities for all despite terrain related changes. By making adequate and equitable sanitation accessible, the bank has helped end Open Defecation and offered women their dignified access to sanitation.

#### SDG13 ~ Climate Action

1. The bank has initiated a mass plantation drive and by far planted over 10 lakh trees as one of its urgent actions to combat climate change. The drive has also contributed in increasing the ground water levels and improved agriculture.

#### **Financial Literacy and Inclusion**

Financial literacy is the first step towards real financial inclusion. Our Bank conducts financial literacy workshops for communities to enable them to make smart financial decisions and sustain themselves.

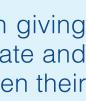
#### SDG8 ~ Decent Work and Economic Growth

1. Being financially literate opens up several avenues for an individual. Financial inclusion is a right. To ensure, further access to employment opportunities and sustainable economic growth of an individual, providing financial literacy is fundamental.

### **TYPES OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN:**

HRDP (Holistic Rural Development Programme) - HRDP is HDFC Bank's flagship programme that focuses on sustainable and holistic growth under which the Bank carries out interventions under more than one key focus areas.

**FDP (Focussed Development Programme) -** Under this programme, the Bank carries out focussed interventions under any one of the key focus areas in a given targeted geographical area.















### **IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS**

#### **Rural Development:**

- Centre For Advanced Research And Development
- Vikas Sahyog Pratishthan
- Ugam Gramin Vikas Sanstha Umra
- Action For Agricultural Renewal In Maharashtra (AFARM)
- Sanjeevani Institute For Empowerment & Development
- Krushi Vikas Va Gramin Prashikshan Sanstha
- Cohesion Foundation Trust
- Watershed Organisation Trust
- Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiative
- The PRIDE INDIA
- BAIF Institute for Sustainable Livelihoods and Development (BISLD)
- CORO India
- Global Vikas Trust

#### **Promotion of Education:**

- The American India Foundation Trust
- Yuva Unstoppable
- All India Institute of Local Self Governance

- Magic Bus India Foundation
- Light of Life Trust
- Future Agriculture Leaders of India

### Skill Training and Livelihood Enhancement:

- Pratham Education Foundation
- Head Held High Foundation
- Friends Union for Energising Lives
- Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)
- Tata Community Initiative Trust (TCIT)
- SETU Charitable Trust
- New Resolution India

- United Way Mumbai
- All India Institute of Local
- and Self Government
- Raah Foundation
- Tata Education Development Trust
- Grey Sim Learning Foundation

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